

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) An arrangement for moving and filling multiple storage containers with pressurized contents, the arrangement including:

a movable rack having a plurality of shelf-like structures, each shelf being vertically arranged with respect to one another and each shelf including a plurality of container locations for receiving the multiple containers;

ground-engaging movable members attached to the movable rack for permitting the movable rack and the multiple containers received thereon to be moved;

a filling station comprising a fixed rack having a plurality of dispensing devices secured to the fixed rack, each dispensing device being engageable with a storage container to provide the pressurized contents to the multiple containers on the movable rack;

wherein the movable rack and the fixed rack are arranged such that the movable rack is movable via the ground engaging movable members into proximity with and away from the fixed rack, and

wherein the dispensing devices are secured to the fixed rack in an array that generally mimics the array of container locations located on the plurality of shelf-like structures such that each container is in proximity to a respective dispensing device when the movable rack and the fixed rack are in proximity.

23. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein the movable rack includes a frame having a lower portion and an upstanding portion, the lower portion having the ground-engaging movable members being mounted thereon.

24. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein the containers need not be adjusted or removed from the movable rack while the movable rack is moved into proximity with the fixed rack, the containers receive the pressurized contents, or the movable rack is moved out of proximity with the fixed rack.

25. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein the movable rack is movable via operation of the ground engaging movable members out of proximity with the fixed rack to a location relatively distant from the fixed rack such that a second movable rack may be moved into proximity with the fixed rack.

26. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein each of the container locations includes a trough-like structure having a neck portion adapted to mate with a neck portion of the containers.

27. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein each of the container locations is adapted to receive a respective container in a substantially horizontal position.

28. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein the fixed rack includes a plurality of ground-engaging supports that are secured to the ground.

29. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 28, wherein at least one of the ground-engaging supports includes a wheel receiving arrangement adapted to receive one or more of the ground-engaging movable members attached to the movable rack.

30. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 22, wherein the movable rack includes at least three shelf-like structures on which the containers are supporting and the fixed rack includes at least three banks in which the dispensing couplings are arranged, with each bank having a height that is congruent to a height of the corresponding shelf-like structure.

31. (New) A method for moving and filling multiple storage containers with pressurized contents, the method including:

placing the multiple containers onto a plurality of container locations provided on a plurality of shelf-like structures of a movable rack, each shelf-like structure being vertically arranged with respect one another;

moving the movable rack and the containers thereon into proximity of a fixed rack via operation of ground-engaging movable members mounted to the movable rack;

engaging each of the containers to a respective dispensing device of a plurality of the dispensing devices secured to the fixed rack to provide the pressurized contents to the containers, the dispensing devices being arranged in an array on the fixed rack that mimics an array of container locations located on the plurality of shelf-like structures;

disengaging the containers from the respective dispensing devices; and

moving the movable rack away from the fixed rack with the containers remaining on the movable rack.

32. (New) A method as set forth in claim 31, wherein the movable rack includes locations for receiving the containers such that the containers need not be adjusted or removed from the movable rack during the steps of moving the movable rack and the containers thereon, engaging each of the containers to respective dispensing devices, disengaging the containers from the respective dispensing devices, and moving the movable rack away from the filling station with the containers.

33. (New) A method as set forth in claim 31, wherein the step of moving the rack away from the filling station with the containers includes moving the rack out of

proximity with the filling station to a location relatively distant from the filling station such that a second movable rack may be moved into proximity with the filling station.

34. (New) A method as set forth in claim 31, wherein the step of moving the movable rack into proximity of a fixed rack includes guiding at least one of the ground-engaging movable members of the movable rack into at least one wheel receiving arrangement located on at least one ground-engaging support coupled to the fixed rack.

35. (New) An arrangement for moving and filling multiple storage containers of different types with pressurized contents, the arrangement including:

a first holding device for receiving a first type group of the multiple containers and movable to permit the first holding device and the containers received thereon to be moved;

a second holding device for receiving a second type group of the multiple containers and movable to permit the second holding device and the containers received thereon to be moved; and

a fixed filling station having a plurality of dispensing devices, each engageable with a storage container to provide the pressurized contents to the container;

wherein the first and second holding devices and the filling station are arranged such that each of the first and second holding devices is movable into proximity with the filling station and movable away from the filling station, and the first holding device includes ground-engaging movable members attached to the first holding device for permitting the first holding device and the multiple containers received thereon to be moved, and

wherein the first holding device is configured to hold the first group of the multiple containers on a rack with vertically arranged shelf-like structures and the second holding device is configured to hold the second group of the multiple containers on a pallet.

36. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 35, wherein the first holding device and the filling station include parts that mate when the first holding device and the filling station are in proximity.

37. (New) An arrangement as set forth in claim 35, wherein each of the dispensing devices are suspended by a retractable holder, each holder including a spring-biased tether attached to adjacent ends of the respective dispensing device.

38. (New) A method for moving and filling multiple storage containers with pressurized contents, the method including:

placing a first group of the multiple containers onto a first holding device;

moving the first holding device and the containers thereon into proximity of a fixed filling station;

engaging each of the containers on the first holding device to a respective dispensing device of a plurality of the dispensing devices to provide the pressurized contents to the containers;

disengaging the containers from the respective dispensing devices; and

moving the first holding device from the filling station with the containers on the first holding device remaining on the first holding device;

placing a second group of the multiple containers onto a second holding device;

moving the second holding device and the containers thereon into proximity of a fixed filling station;

engaging each of the containers on the second holding device to a respective dispensing device of a plurality of the dispensing devices to provide the pressurized contents to the containers;

disengaging the containers from the respective dispensing devices; and

moving the second holding device from the filling station with the containers on the second holding device remaining on the second holding device;

wherein the steps of moving the first holding device into proximity of the filling station and moving the first holding device from the filling station is via ground-engaging movable members mounted to the first holding device, and

wherein the step of placing the first group of the multiple containers onto the first holding device includes placing the containers on a rack structure having vertically arranged shelf-like structures of the first holding device, and the step of placing the second group of the multiple containers onto the second holding device includes placing the containers on a pallet structure of the second holding device.

39. (New) A method as set forth in claim 38, wherein the step of moving the first holding device and the containers thereon into proximity of a fixed filling station includes mating parts of the first holding device and the filling station.